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NORTH CAROLINA NE

GOVERNOR FOWLE COMMUTE
TWO SENTENCES.

An Attempt at Wholesale Poisoning
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leigh and Elsewhere.

RALPH B. COX, January 18.—Special.
Hon. T. R. Womack, newly-appointed S.
superior Court Judge, arrived here today at
was duly sworn into office by Judge S. P.
Whitaker. He will at once resume work
where Judge Gilmer left off, and will ho
Northampton County Court next week.
The Hon. Fowle today commuted the sen
sentence of two Chastain brothers who we
participants in the famous Clay counte
fled a few months ago. Both had be
sentenced to the penitentiary, one for si
years and the other for two. The freed w
participated in by Chastains, Cowards as

William S. Colley, editor of the *Moosviestown Times*, is being prosecuted for teaching the Klan in the neighborhood, which was formerly principal of the Cana Academy, which is near Moosviestown.

A day or two ago an unsuccessful attempt at wholesale poisoning was made by two little colored boys in Madison. As the family Mr. Vaughn, which at present consists of himself and wife and four children, were at breakfast, a stranger odor was detected in the coffee but Mr. Vaughn. It was quickly found that the coffee had been tampered with. The coffee consisted largely of caribolic acid. Mr. Vaughn, Sr., was made very sick from the coffee. An investigation was made concerning the poison. An investigation was made and suspicion rested on two boys, one of the younger one, named Siman, confessed that he and William had put poison in the coffee with a view to murdering the whole family. It appears from his confession that they had been planning work for some time. The boys were taken into custody in view of purchase strychnine in the town.

A few days ago William was handed a letter from the same boys in view to take to destroy it, and to be careful

The negro exodus movement throughout this section now amounts to little less than a regular stampede. Nearly every negro in the wild to go by rail. The negroes are being hauled there fast enough. Last night an exodus train having five hundred negroes aboard passed through this city. It was bound for Texas and Louisiana. Yesterday noon a train of nine passenger cars and four baggage cars passed through. It was probably being six hundred aboard. This crowd was bound for Mississippi. Other trains are expected through in two or three days. It is said that more than a million negroes are waiting for a chance to get away.

A mysterious affair is reported from Wilmington. The dead body of a negro was found near the track of the Wilmington

and Weldon Railroad in a cut at Fifth street crossing. It was lying face down, with head toward the south. The body was surrounded by a pool of blood. There were circumstances discovered deep enough to arouse suspicion of murder. The body was found in a razor cut on the back of his head.

At a meeting of the directors of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad, yesterday General E. F. Egan, president, said the road is rapidly being pushed from Monroe on to Atlanta. Eighty miles of track are already laid. When completed it will give the Georgia a direct connection from Norfolk to Atlanta, and will be operated as an independent line to the Richmond and Danville.

Nat Avery, while engaged with his hands in cutting down trees in a large tract of land, was crushed to death by a tree falling upon him.

CHARLOTTE'S BUDGET.

A Big Forest Fire—Negro Switchman Killed—Items From the Interior.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 18.—(Special.)—A negro switchman, Walter Pratt, was yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock, crushed to death by a freight train while coupling, and died today. He was a Carolina Central employee.

H. A. Deal, business manager of the Charlotte News, has resigned to go into the printing business.

There was a big forest fire in the long pine leaf region near Hamlet last night. Turpentine fields were burned with some loss.

Millard F. Cook, last Thursday, was killed while out hunting by the accidental discharge of his gun at Whiteville, where he was on duty as a forest guard. He was the grown-up son of the late George Cook, a prominent man of a New York house, but formerly a merchant in Charlotte, where he was well esteemed.

Realtor cotton 56 bales. Market steady at 10c to 10c.

The salt tobacco market is reported to be better than any other in the State, and the season has been unusually profitable. Mr. June Sheets sold last Wednesday several hundred pounds of tobacco at \$1.70 per hundred after paying warehouse charges. The tobacco was raised in China, and the claim also to be the musical centre of the State.

The Salisbury Watchman has a memento cabinet in which are exhibited several pearls and diamonds, valued at five million dollars. There is in the cabinet also a lady straw hat, which was blown twenty-two miles in a cyclone four years ago. It was the head-covering of China's laundryman, who, for his father, lived on a high bluff in Stanley county.

In the election of a board of directors of the First National Bank of Salisbury, Mr. J. Stunnen was elected to the place of J. L. H. of Lexington.

Wyatt McKenzie, the outlaw, whose appearance near Leedsville was telegraphed a few days ago, says the Republic, killed

The upper part of the county. He has come back with a number of men of his own character all heavily armed and prepared to do any thing. They are now in the neighborhood of McKenize, who was sentenced to the penitentiary and broke jail at Wentworth having been recaptured once, and the second time made good his escape to Kentucky. It is supposed that he will return, and that he wanted to have a talk with Dr. Withers, of Stokes county. The Doctor, with his brother, finally made up his mind and met the outlaw in the neighborhood of McKenize.

McKenize told his experience. Said he had killed a man since and been in penitentiary in Georgia for three years. It was proved that he had killed a man named John Smith, of the name of the man of making vengeance upon the old enemies, whom he wanted to kill before settling down as a quiet citizen. McKenize is a powerful man, gentle in manner and a fine character. He said that his original murder of Goode. The friends around Reidsville are giving him a

berth. The county paid to the state last year a sum of pension, \$1,226.27.

A Polish family, man wife and mother and immigrants, lately arrived at Stalewicz, has two children on the voyage.

West in the woods, the trees are in bloom, the birds are in the trees and the birds are in the trees.

The present commissioner of internal revenue last week reversed the ruling of the former commissioner as to the duty on liquor delivered to a liquor dealer shipping C. M. R. to a point where the liquor was delivered. Commissioner Mason overrules the decision, and the liquor dealer is to pay duty on the liquor being liable for a license tax any other place at his place of business.

Work is now going forward upon the new building of the public school at Red Lake. The beginning of which is shortly expected.

The iron works of Monroe, N. C., are up well at the year's close. The town is growing, and a number of commercial

The doctors of Lexington have formed "combine," and agreed not to go to see a one whose name is on their delinquent list. It is said that the county of Warren not make more than one-ninth of a crop.